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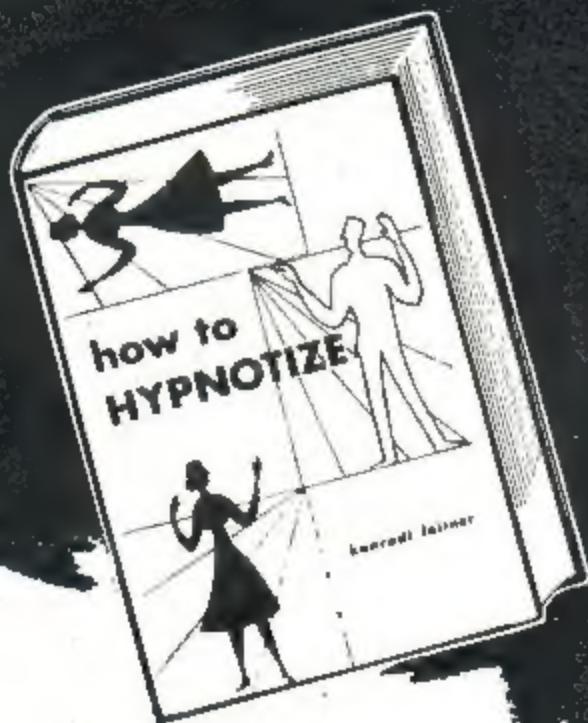
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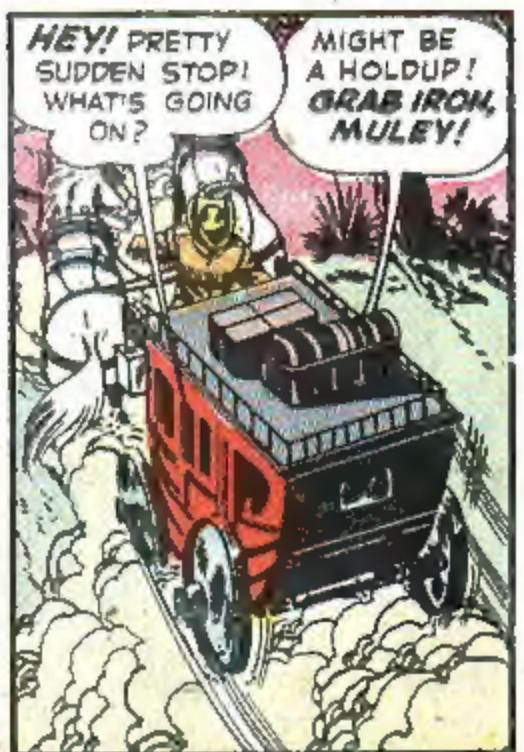
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STEVE BRAND — ALIAS
THE DURANGO KID — AND HIS

SIDEKICK, MULEY PIKE, ARE ON THE STAGECOACH. WHEN THE STAGE JOLTS TO A
STOP, THEY WILL FIND THEMSELVES FACING A NEW AND GRISLY HORROR—WHICH IS JUST THE
FIRST ACT TO THE GRIM DRAMA OF TERROR AND VENGEANCE THAT UNFOLDS WHEN THEY TANGLE
SIX-GUNS WITH THE

"HANGMAN'S LAW"



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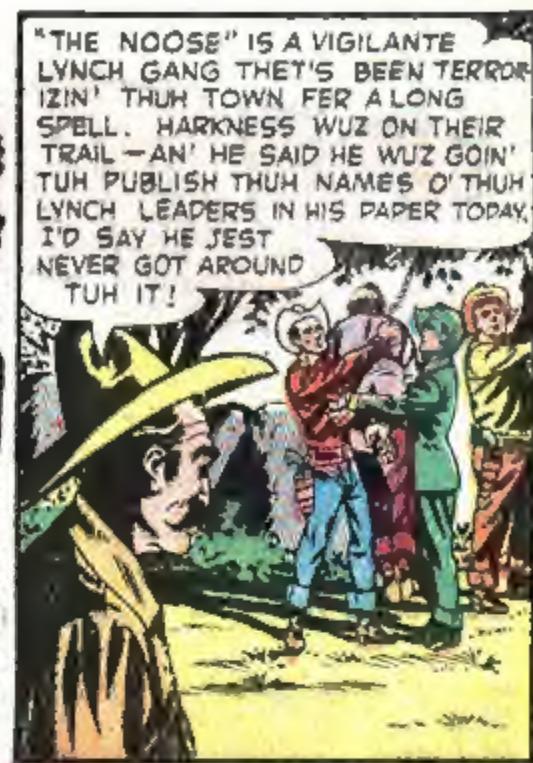
YOUNG FELLER—MEET YORE BOSS! THET'S JIM HARKNESS, EDITOR O' THUH TOWN PAPER! LOOKS' LIKE THEY STRUNG HIM UP LIKE THEY SAID THEY WOULD!

THERE'S A NOTE PINNED TO HIS CHEST...

GOOD HEAVENS!

LIFE JUST AIN'T HEALTHY FOR THEM THAT OPPOSES THE NOOSE

"THE NOOSE" IS A VIGILANTE LYNCH GANG THET'S BEEN TERRIZIN' THUH TOWN FER A LONG SPELL. HARKNESS WUZ ON THEIR TRAIL—AN' HE SAID HE WUZ GOIN' TUH PUBLISH THUH NAMES O' THUH LYNCH LEADERS IN HIS PAPER TODAY. I'D SAY HE JEST NEVER GOT AROUND TUH IT!



WELL—I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO! HARKNESS WAS LIKE A FATHER TO ME. I'M CARRYING ON WHERE HE LEFT OFF! I'LL GET "THE NOOSE" IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

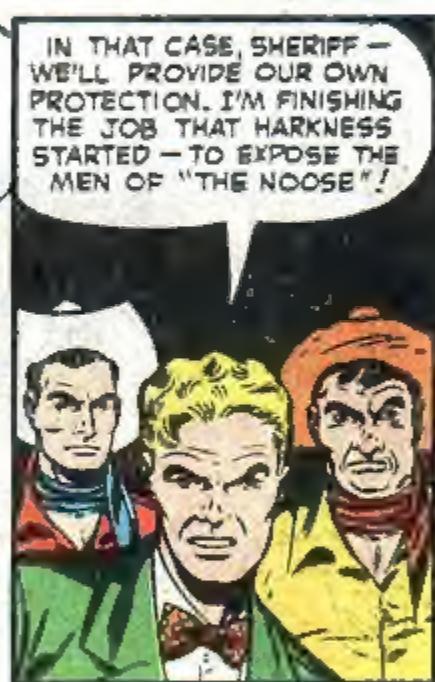
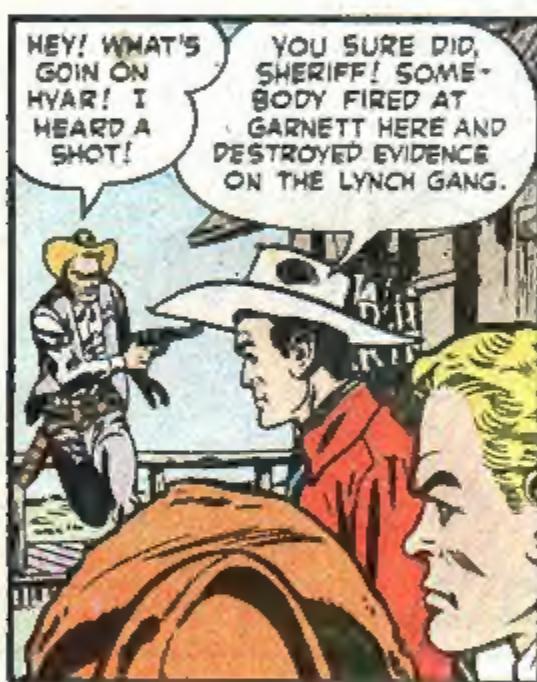
THAT'S A GOOD CHANCE IT WILL BE THE LAST THING YOU DO!

MULEY AND I WILL SIDE YOU, GARNETT. YOU CAN COUNT ON US! LET'S GET INTO TOWN AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

SHORE HATE TUH SEE NICE YOUNG GENTS LIKE YUH TANGLIN' HORNS WITH DEATH!

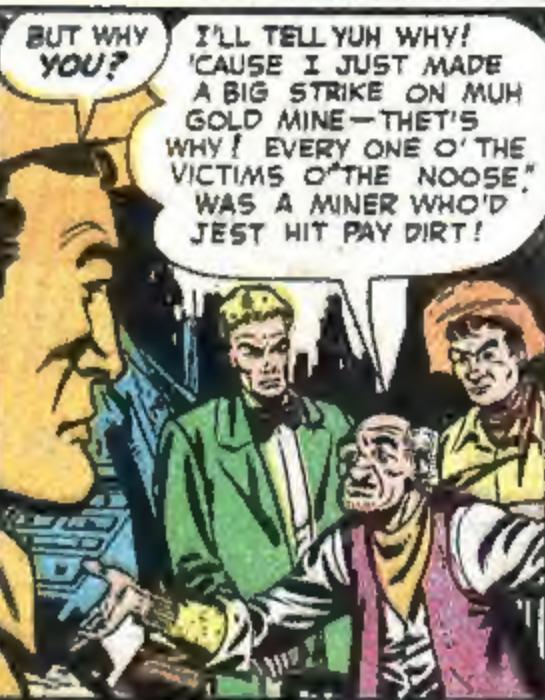


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I'M PETE STOCK.
I FOUND THIS
ON MUH CABIN
POOR THIS MORNIN'!



IT BEGINS TO MAKE SOME
SENSE NOW, MEN! WE CAN'T
LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT!
WE'VE GOT TO HELP PETE PE-
FEND HIMSELF— AND MAYBE
WE CAN UNMASK A FEW OF
THOSE, LYNCHERS!

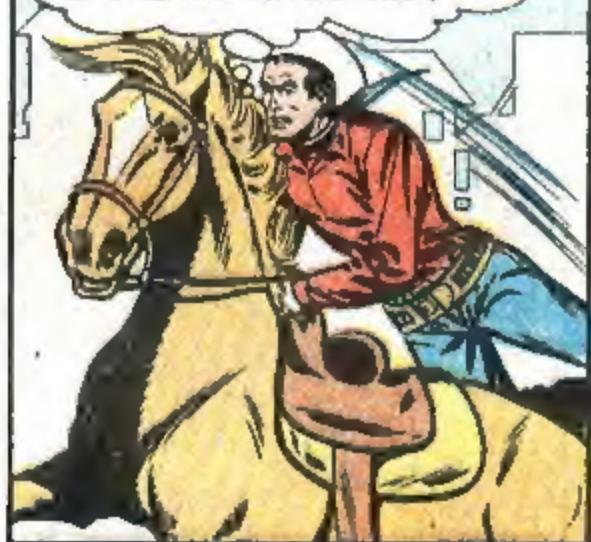


GARNETT, YOU AND MULEY
GO BACK WITH PETE TO
HIS CABIN— AND STICK
CLOSE TO HIM. I'LL BE
ALONG LATER.

THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
I'M READY TO PUT UP A
SCRAP WHEN I KNOW
THAR'S HOMBRES LIKE
YOU AROUND ME!



I'LL MEET THEM AT STOCK'S
CABIN ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT AS
STEVE BRAND. I'LL BE THERE
AS THE DURANGO KID!



THAT
NIGHT
IN
PETE
STOCK'S
CABIN...

I HEAR HORSES!
DOUSE THET LAMP
AN' GIT READY,
MEN!

I WONDER
WHAT'S
HOLDING UP
STEVE!



PETE STOCK—"THUH NOOSE"
IS HYAR! COME OUT AN'
TAKE IT LIKE A MAN!

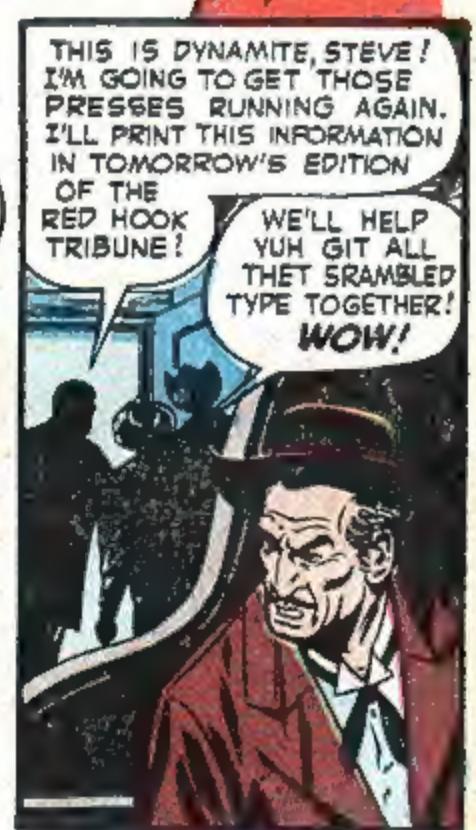
COME ON IN
AN' GIT ME-
YOU SPAINED,
MANGY CAYUSES!



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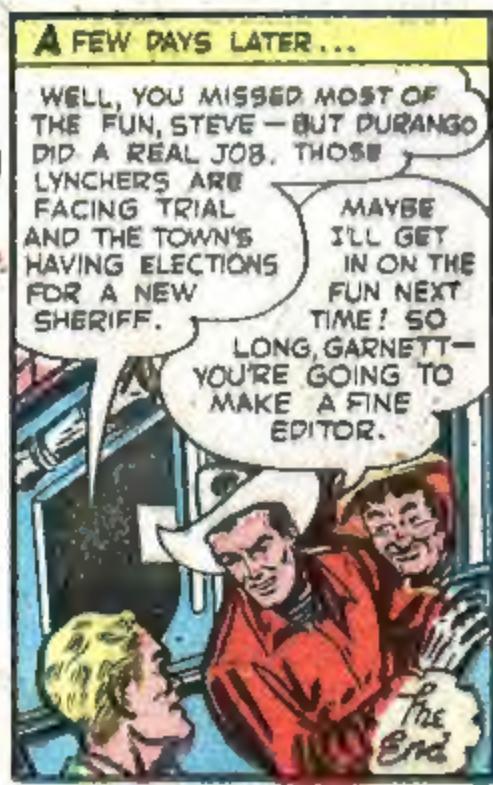
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NEXT MORNING...



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SEE THAT SCARED KID UP FRONT? THAT'S ME - JIM BURLEIGH. SCARED? SURE WAS! WAR'S A ROTTEN THING AND THERE AIN'T A MAN WHO AIN'T SCARED. I RECKON I HAD A FEELING ABOUT WHAT WAS COMIN'. BUT THEN - I HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THE PART THE DURANGO KID WOULD PLAY IN!"

"The Death I Almost Died!"



THAT SHELL WAS
MARKED FOR ME —
JIM BURLEIGH..."



...BY ALL RIGHTS
IT SHOULD'VE
KILLED ME! I WAS
JUST A FEW FEET AWAY WHEN
IT HIT..."

PHYSICALLY, HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT—
WHOEVER HE IS! THE CONCUSSION
CAUSED COMPLETE LOSS OF
MEMORY—HE CAN'T REMEMBER
HIS NAME—HIS HOME—NOTHING!
AND ALL IDENTIFICATION WAS
DESTROYED!



"...BUT I RECKON FATE HAD
ANOTHER KIND OF DEATH
STAKED OUT FOR ME!"

THE DURANGO KID

IT TOOK A COUPLE OF YEARS FOR ME TO FIGHT MY WAY BACK TO HEALTH AND THEN...

WELL, IT'S OVER NOW—BUT WHERE DO I GO? WHERE'S HOME? WHO AM I? IF I COULD ONLY REMEMBER WHOEVER I WAS—IS? GULP!—DEAD!



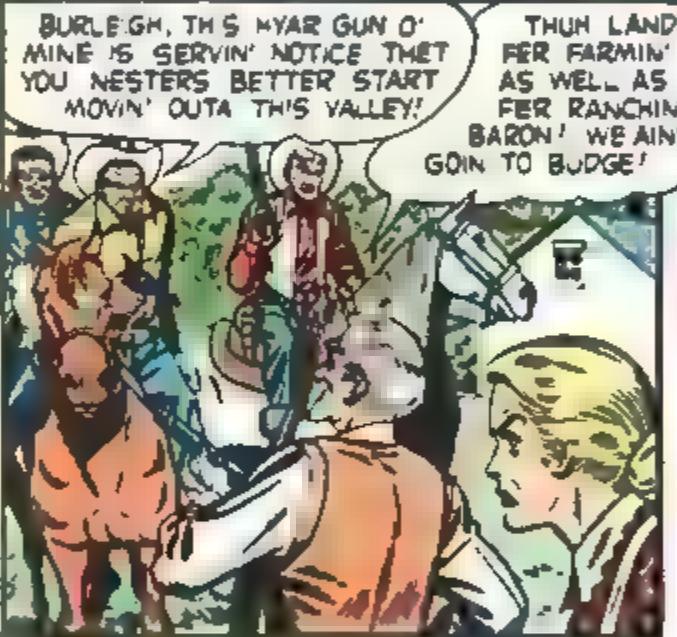
THERE'S ONLY ONE CLUE—THIS TORN SCRAP OF A LETTER THAT WAS FOUND IN MY RIPPED UNIFORM. ALL IT SHOWS IS PART OF AN ADDRESS—RED HOOK! AND THE WAY I TALK TELLS ME I COME FROM OUT WEST.



I'LL HEAD WEST. FIND RED HOOK. MAYBE SOMETHING SOMEBODY IN THAT TOWN CAN TELL ME WHO I AM. I SURE WONDER—DID I HAVE A FAMILY? DID I HAVE A—A GIRL?



THERE WERE MONTHS OF SEARCHING FOR RED HOOK BUT IN RED HOOK THINGS WERE HAPPENING...



MAYBE YUM AIN'T GONNA BUDGE, BURLEIGH—AFTER I SHOOT YUM, I AIN'T GONNA STAND FER NOBODY FARMIN' TH'S RANGE—LAW OR NO LAW! GIT READY TUH DIE, STRANGER!



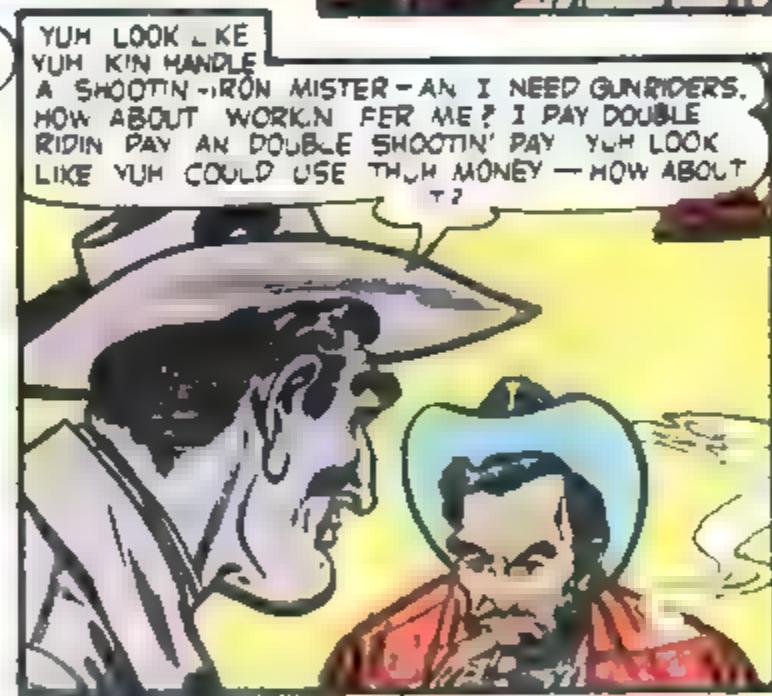
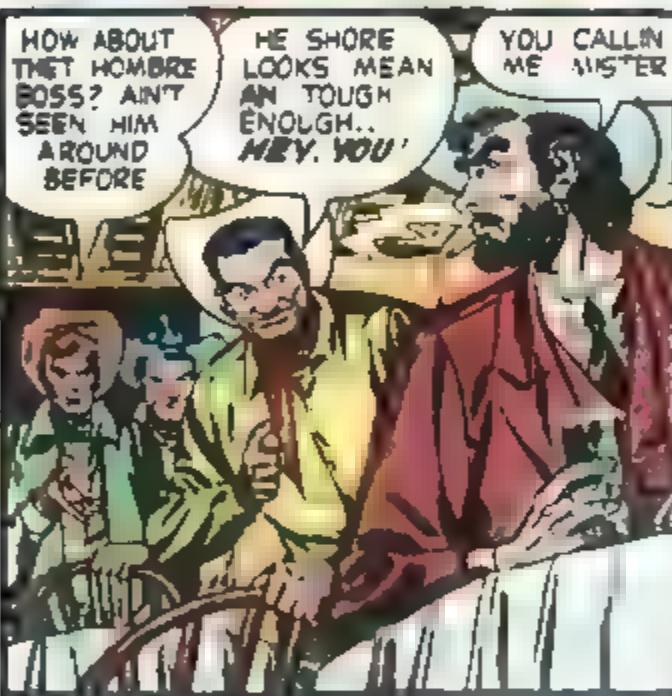
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THANK YUH KINDLY, DURANGO, FER YORE HELP I GUESS I WOULDN'T BE NEEDIN' NO HELP IF ONLY MY SON JIM WERE BACK WITH ME AG'IN'

THEY REPORTED JIM AS 'MISSING' IN THUM WAR BUT MYRA AN' ME - WE JEST CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S DAD KEEP HOPIN' HE'LL SHOW UP SOME DAY. JIM WAS GOIN' TUM MARRY MYRA.

IN THE MEANTIME BARON AND HS MEN HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE SALOON.

ONLY ONE THING FER JS TUH DO MEN! I'M GOIN' TUH HIRE A PASSEL O' GUNRIDERS, AN' DECLARE OPEN WAR ON THEM NESTERS AN' THUM DURANGO KID!



WHY NOT? HERE I'VE BEEN IN RED HOOK TWO DAYS AND NOTHNG COMES BACK TO ME - NOTHNG! I'LL NEVER FIND MYSELF I'M DESPERATE - BITTER! ALL I KNOW IS HOW TO SHOOT AND FIGHT - THE ARMY TAUGHT ME THAT MIGHT JUST AS WELL MAKE SOME MONEY OUT OF IT I RECKON

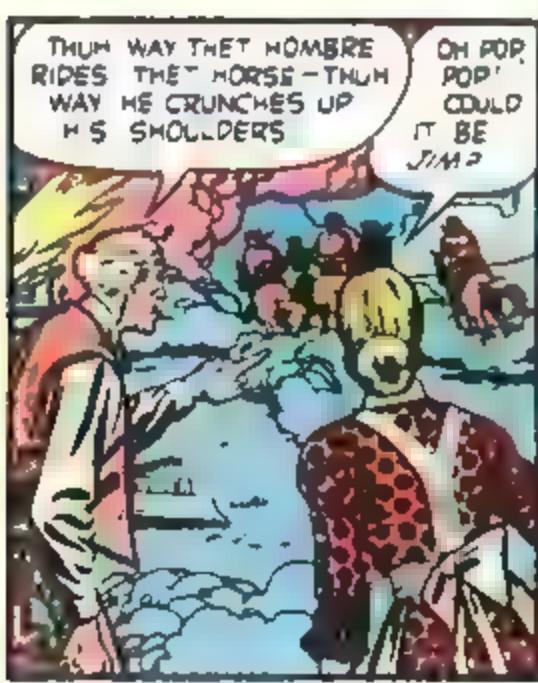
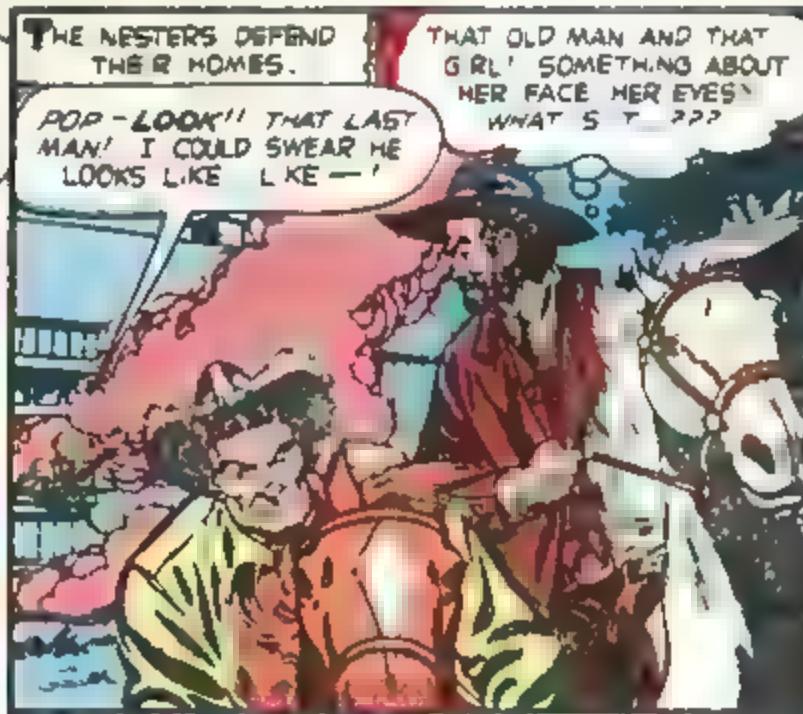
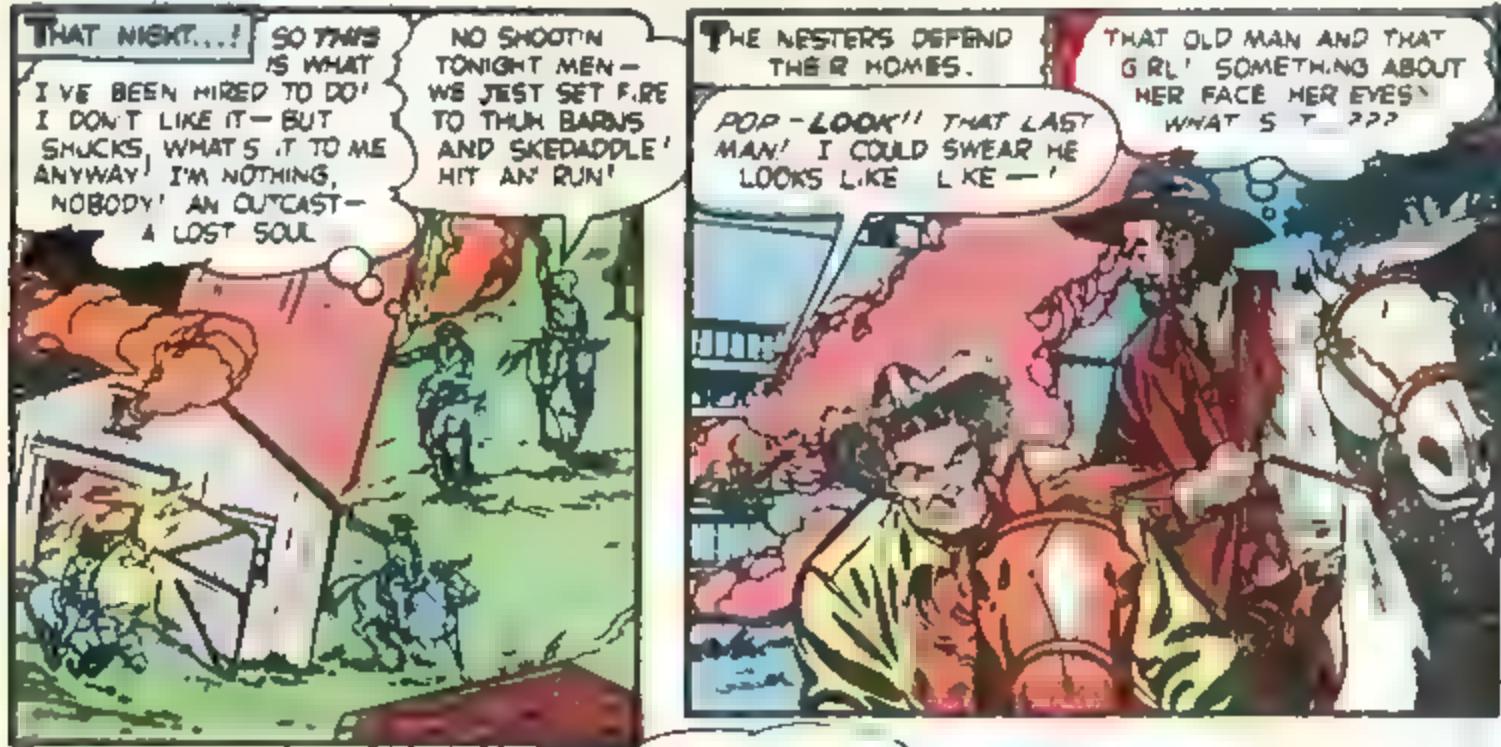


IF THERE'S MONEY IN IT MISTER, I'M YOUR MAN! I'VE GOT NOTHNG TO LOSE - NOTHNG! NOT EVEN A NAME!

GREAT! YORE SADDLE TRAMP DAYS IS OVER, HOMBRE C'MON GENTS, LET'S ROUND US UP SOME MORE MEN - AND WE RIDE TONIGHT!



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WE SHORE ARE GOIN' TUH SETTLE THIS, DURANGO! YUH WALKED RIGHT INTUH A TRAP, HOMBRE—AN' YUH AIN'T GOIN' TUH GET OUT! DIDN'T KNOW I HAD SO MANY MEN WORKIN' FER ME, DID YUH?



THIS IS GREAT! DURANGO WAS THUH ONLY THING HOLDIN' JS BACK—BUT NOW WE GOT H M, WE KIN DO ANYTHING! WE'RE GOIN' TUH H.T AT THEM NESTERS ONCE MORE TONIGHT, WHILE THEY'RE OFF BALANCE, THEY WON'T BE EXPECTIN' IT—AN' THIS TIME WE RUN 'EM OUT FER GOOD! TIE 'EM UP!



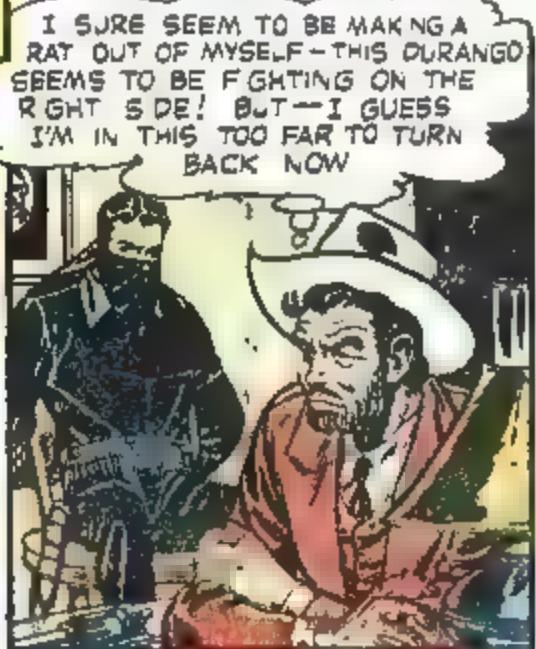
WE'LL LEAVE THET NEW GUY BEHIND TUH GUARD DURANGO. KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HIM, HOMBRE—HE'S SLIPPERY!... C'MON, MEN—THIS IS IT!



BUT DURANGO IS NOT UNPREPARED FOR THIS EMERGENCY. HE HAS A NEW RING-OF HIS OWN INVENTION! A SIMPLE TWIST OF THE FINGER AND IT POPS A TINY, RAZOR-SHARP BLADE ..



IT IS NOW AN EASY MATTER FOR DURANGO TO CUT THROUGH THE ROPES AROUND HIS WRISTS ..

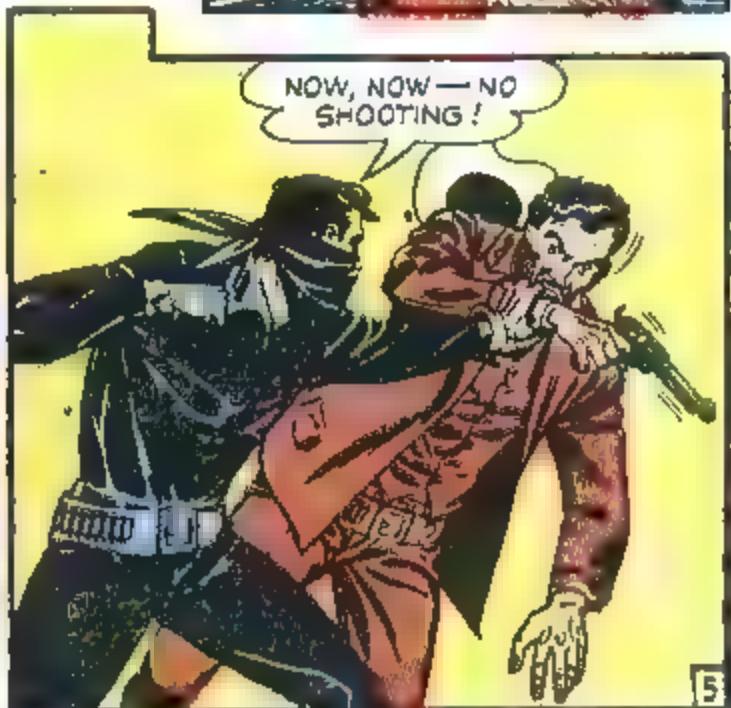


THUH!
ALL RIGHT MISTER—
YOUR GUARD'S OVER!
I'M TAKING CHARGE
NOW....

WHAT
THE...!



NOW, NOW—NO
SHOOTING!



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AS RAIDER'S HOOFs THUNDER AWAY INTO THE DISTANCE...

GROAN! OH, MY HEAD — WHAT A WALLOP! BUT — FUNNY THING — MY HEAD SEEMS CLEAR — THINGS COMING BACK... COMING BACK...



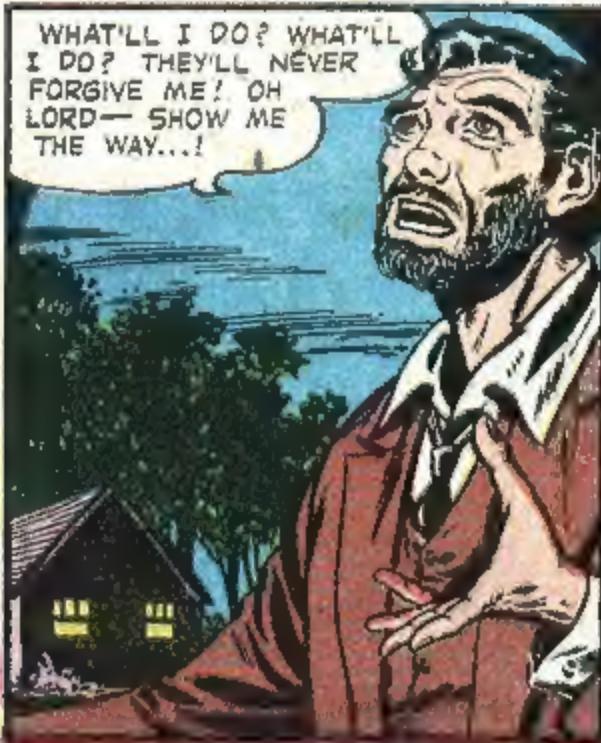
THE WAR... EXPLOSION... HOSPITAL... RED HOOK... BARON... I — I REMEMBER! THAT OLD MAN AND THAT GIRL I SAW TONIGHT — IT WAS — GLORY! I REMEMBER EVERYTHING!



BUT — WHAT AM I DOING HERE? WHAT A FOOL! I'M ON THE **WRONG SIDE!** I SET FIRE TO MY OWN BARN — FOUGHT AGAINST MY OWN POP, AGAINST THE GIRL I LOVE! JIM BURLEIGH, YOU'RE A ROTTEN FOOL!

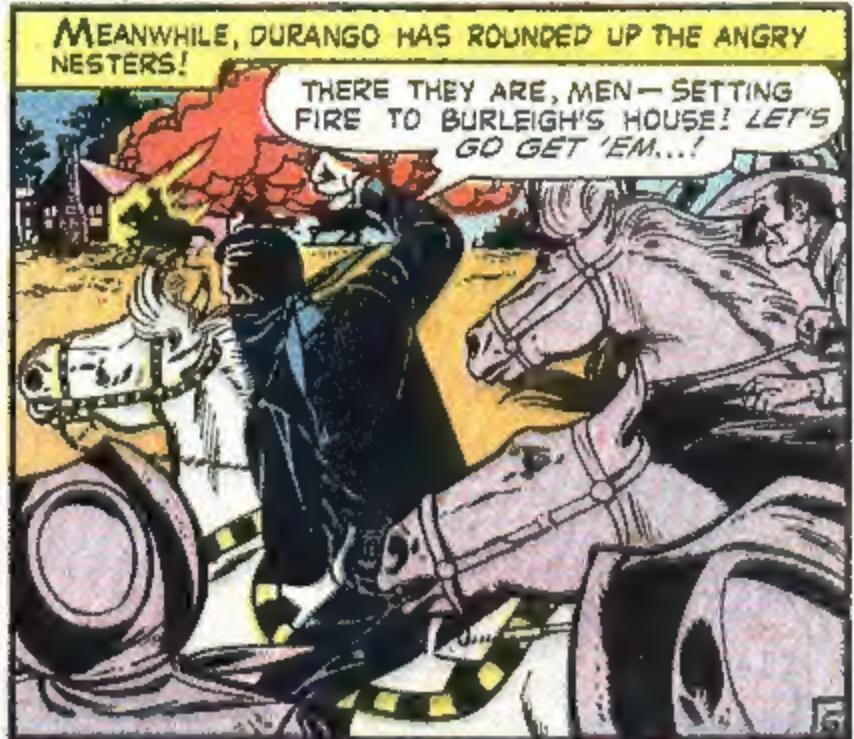


WHAT'LL I DO? WHAT'LL I DO? THEY'LL NEVER FORGIVE ME! OH LORD — SHOW ME THE WAY...!



MEANWHILE, DURANGO HAS ROUNDED UP THE ANGRY NESTERS!

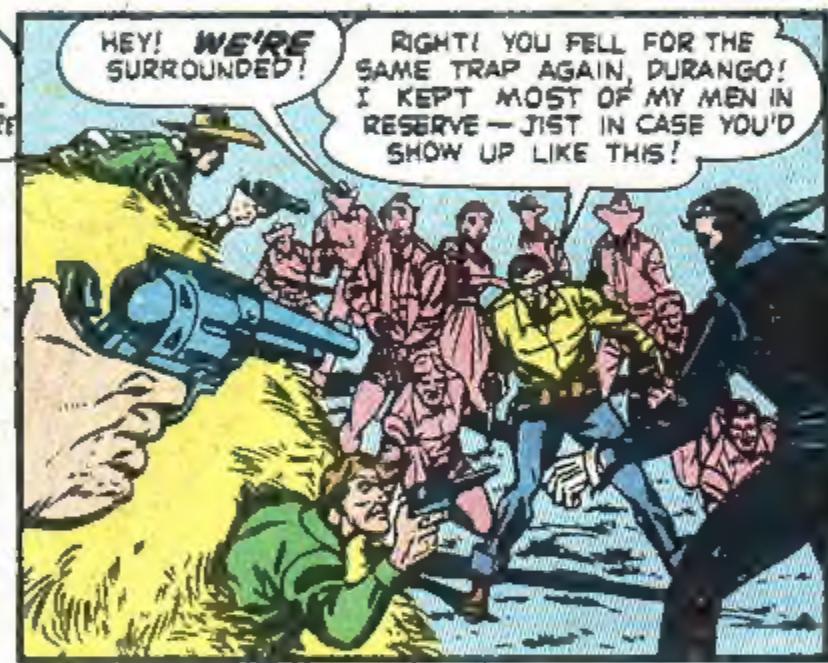
THERE THEY ARE, MEN — SETTING FIRE TO BURLEIGH'S HOUSE! LET'S GO GET 'EM...



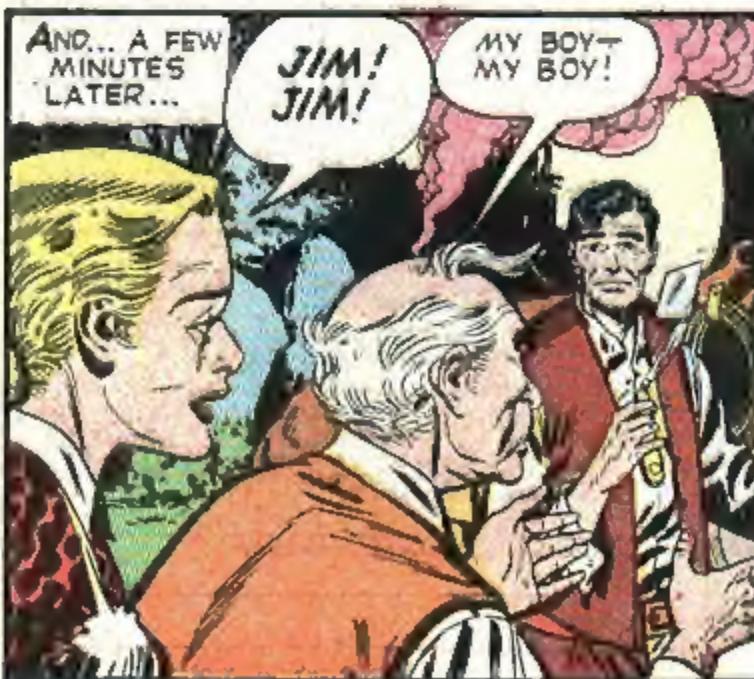
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EASY POP — A SURRENDER IS A SURRENDER! ... ALL RIGHT, BARON, YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO JAIL — RIGHT NOW!



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